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1. On 5 June 1947, one brigade of the Yugoslav 3rd Armored Division moved to Bitolj from Prilep. The following vehicles were counted as they entered Bitolj:

- a. 12 heavy tanks Joseph Stalin type; round turret with one long barrelled gun (caliber unspecified), broad and squat. Khaki-colored paint recently applied.
- b. 24 armored cars One (?) turret, with gun 1.65 meters long (caliber unspecified).
- c. 25 troop-carriers Open trucks, with armored sides. Each truck carried 12 soldiers with their equipment, and one heavy mortar (caliber unspecified).

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All the trucks and vehicles had a red star on either side, with the colors of the Yugoslav flag (sic) and a small star to the rear.

2. On 9 June, about five large (unspecified) caliber guns arrived at Bitolj coming by road from Prilep. These guns were towed by tractors. On 10 June, the same guns were moved to previously prepared concrete and rock emplacements, in the hills between Dobroveni and Skocivir, facing towards Greece. After the guns had been moved into position, the tractors withdrew to Dobroveni.
3. Additional fortifications in the zone between Medzedli and Kajmakalan, which had been under construction for two months, were completed by early June. Trenches have been dug, and machine-gun emplacements constructed of reinforced concrete. Every group, composed of three such emplacements, is protected by barbed wire and mines thirty yards in front of it. Anti-aircraft guns, mostly of 20 mm. light caliber type, have been placed in rock and concrete emplacements in the villages of Medzedli, Dobroveni, Skocivir, Bao and Brod. Ammunition pits, measuring 3.5 by four by two meters, have been dug near the emplacements. Supplies and ammunition are brought up by two trains a day from Bitolj to Kenali, and are distributed from Kenali by truck.

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